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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 29th 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **March 29th** at **8:15PM**. The meeting information is noted below. The General Studies Student Council reserves the right to suspend the orders of the day if necessary to conduct business. All General Studies Student Council meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify the General Studies Student Council Chair at sat2198@columbia.edu no less than three (3) working days prior to the meeting. The General Studies Student Council will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible. Please also contact the General Studies Student Council Chair for any agenda related questions.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call (* → indicates non-voting | ~ → indicates Interim Position)

OFFICERS	STATUS	OFFICERS	STATUS
*President Serengeti Timungwa	P	VP of Finance Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	P
Chief of Finance Alan Han	P	VP of Policy Nasser Odetallah	P
Chief of Policy		VP of Campus Life Cole Wagner	P
Chief of Campus Life Emily Robinson	P	VP of Communications Brian Laurito	P
Chief of Communications Siena Iwasaki Milbauer	P	Veteran Students Rep Alejandro Rojas	P
Int'l Students Rep Carol Chen	P	University Senator Jeremy Wahl	E
Senior Class President Rachel Harris	P	Senior Class VP Nick Li	P
Senior Class Treasurer Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P	1st Year Class President Faith Grady	P
1st Year Class VP Han Qing	P	Health & Wellness Representative Bruce Goumain	P
External Events Chair		Family and Working Students Rep Shatize Pope	P
Alumni Affairs Rep Mike Kim	P	Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep Evan Rork	P
Community Services & Sustainability Rep Nour Elgoweili	P	Treasurer	
JTS Rep Josh Brunnlehrmann	P	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Andre	P

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Diversity & Equity Rep Rubaab Poonawala	P	Students w/Disabilities Rep Erin O'Bannon	P
Tech Chair Catherine Sun	P	Social Media Rep Lisa Cardoso	P
*Legislative Assistant Ferdinando Castro Gonzalez	P	*Legislative Assistant Kyle Gordon	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby		Chief Negotiator Katie Peters	P
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 28 / Quorum: → 19 / Total: 26 (only 25 voting unless tie)	

C. **Adoption of the Current Agenda for March 29, 2022 -> Pass/Rejected**

1. **Motion Passes**

D. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2022**

1. **Motion Passes**

II. **REPORTS**

A. **President**

1. Elections

- Rules meeting will be during General Body meeting next week (April 5)
- Debate two weeks (4/12) from now (during General Body meeting time, 8pm)
 - Please come for committee meetings
 - After debates, we will have a quick GSSC meeting

B. **Policy Committee**

1. Mental Health Check-In Survey

- Rubaab has created a survey; will be blasting next week and will be up rest of the semester
- Very short, and after submitting survey will provide info about CPS
- Way to get feedback and give info to student body simultaneously

2. GSSC Teaching Excellence Award Nominations

- Went out last week
- Will stay up and close on April 11th or April 12th
- Currently we only have three submissions so please submit your own nominations (or get friends to)
 - Nick:** Can we nominate Deans who retired recently?
 - Nasser:** They need to still be employed by Columbia; open for any administrator
 - There are many admin in GS who do a lot of tremendous work (people discussed nominating Sean Trulby) – can be anyone at Columbia

C. **Communications Committee**

1. No Updates

D. **Finance Committee**

1. No Updates

E. **Campus Life Committee**

1. Shabbat Dinner Update
 - a) Shoutout to Joshua for organizing such a great event; had a lovely evening
2. Gala Tickets Update
 - a) Flying out the door (Sun batch sold out around 3 hours, this afternoon sold out under an hour)
 - b) One more drop (5pm Thursday)
 - (1) Go to email and check the Eventbrite for the date and time of the drop
 - c) Sold 311/500 tickets, 117 applied for subsidized (we only had 100 to give away and those have been given)
 - d) GSSC tickets; your tickets are live now, please get your tickets
 - (1) March 31st is deadline
 - (2) If you are bringing a plus one, Thur is your last chance to buy a plus-one ticket
 - e) Alums will receive an email this week
3. MilVets x GSSC Mixer at Mels Update
 - a) The event has completely sold out
 - b) Thanking MilVets and Mels for organizing/hosting the event
4. Housing Info Session on April 6 Update
 - a) Renting in New York from last week was huge success so another is happening on Wednesday at 6 pm
 - b) On April 7th, Rae will be hosting an event with RAs and Columbia Residential staff to answer any questions

F. **University Senator**

1. No Updates

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Chief Policy Representative Presentation

1. **Kyle:** Due to extenuating circumstances, the role of Chief of Policy has opened up; will be presenting to be appointed by GSSC to the position
2. Familiar with the role, the work of the Policy team; Prepared to help expedite the process and support Nasser/the rest of the team
3. Does not see large structural change for Policy; just to help Policy more broadly; happy to answer any questions
 - a) **Serengeti:** Can you speak to previous experience in leadership? How to assess when to jump in and support someone?
 - (1) **Kyle:** Head of Connecticut State Legislative Office interns; led events/collaboration between different Senators and their interns; had to work with others, recognize when they needed help/support

B. Earth Day Eco-Fair Budget Proposal

1. **Cole:** Not just a big Earth Day event but in collaboration with the other schools
 - a) Revson Plaza, April 22, 2-5pm
 - (1) On the Law Bridge

- b) Quotes have been received and budget made; have confirmation of interest/investment from Sustainable Columbia, CCSC, Barnard SGA (who is already running own event and we can collaborate with) and Eco-Reps
- c) Full Cost: \$11,243 from all parties
 - (1) Previous four school events costed \$12000+ total (Tree Lighting) and \$20000+ total (Glass House Rocks)
 - (2) Want to allocate \$10,000
 - (a) Expect to only spend \$6,000 from GSSC Funds
 - (b) With higher allocation, GSSC can book vendors, order merch, secure venue, etc. and then other councils/orgs can reimburse us
- d) **Serengeti:** Regarding budget, the whole event is expected to cost \$11,243 in total and you're asking for \$10,000? Why would we allocate over 80% of event cost?
 - (1) **Cole:** So we can facilitate the event and then ask them to reimburse us
- e) **Serengeti:** Weren't there issues with being reimbursed for Lerner Pub?
 - (1) **Cole:** Yes, but not for larger four school events; will look into Lerner Pub issues
- f) **Serengeti:** Why are we asking for reimbursements and not just having everyone bring their money to the pot?
 - (1) **Cole:** Want to get event going quickly; can secure some funding from people we have good relationships with upfront
 - (2) **Cole:** With regards to GS funding, if can get 4 schools then we'll go based on attendance; if only partnered with CCSC, then we split the bill
- g) **Josh:** Where does the last \$1000 come from?
 - (1) **Cole:** CCSC
- h) **Nasser:** What is the likelihood we don't get reimbursed?
 - (1) **Cole:** We generally have solid reimbursement, but the Lerner event has been tricky. But it's highly unlikely that we would end up paying the whole thing.
- i) **Simas:** Lerner Pub transfers haven't been reflected in paperwork yet. But typically as long as those are submitted by mid-May, the timing is fine. Getting all four councils on the same board pre-event for finances is tricky.
 - (1) **Cole:** This will probably be a CCSC and GSSC collab as other student councils' timelines can be slow.
- j) **Faith:** Elsa has already put several meetings on the books with EMS for this; plan is for merch to be prize to be sustainable → which means they might take on the price of rentals which brings it to around half
- k) **Nick:** Even though technically CCSC and GSSC, could anyone come by because it's just on Law Bridge?
 - (1) **Cole:** Will be advertised only on our channels
 - (2) **Simas:** We would need to make sure merch/giveaway is only going to GS and CC students
 - (a) **Faith:** Can include check-in for these booths

- l) **Serengeti:** Concerns with financial ask; worried about writing a blank check and then hoping CCSC will come through; with current financial responsibilities, feel like this seems risky
 - m) **Evan:** What happens to the \$4000 that you don't anticipate spending?
 - (1) **Cole:** It'll go back into the pot
 - n) **Nasser:** Can we motion to commit \$5000 this week and then if CCSC doesn't come through with their half, we can fully pay for it in the future
 - (1) **Faith:** CCSC has allocated funds already; we just want to cover ourselves
- 2. **Motion A:** To allocate \$10,000 toward the Earth Day event
 - a) **21 in favor, 2 opposed**
 - b) **Motion passes**
- 3. **Motion B:** To allocate \$6000 toward the Earth Day event
 - a) **Faith:** Biggest line item is over \$6000 so limiting to that is ensuring that we *need* CCSC to come through to host the event at all
 - b) **Nasser:** If CCSC has already allocated funds, why do we need to cover ourselves?
 - (1) **Faith:** Seems easier to have one person streamlining everything and then pay us back
 - c) **Katie:** Seems like if we want to have the event, we need to allocate \$10,000
 - (1) **Faith:** Part of why we allocated \$10,000 was to show trust that CCSC will help
 - (2) **Serengeti:** Why can't CSSC pay for the things that are bringing us above \$6000?
 - (a) **Faith:** Just having one person run it helps streamline
- C. Senior Gala Subsidy Fund
 - 1. Tickets at full price cost \$70, subsidized tickets will be \$35
 - a) Asking for \$5250 total (to subsidize 150 tickets)
- D. Senior Brunch Subsidy Fund
 - 1. Full cost is \$50, subsidized tickets will be \$25 for 500 tickets
 - a) Asking for total of \$1250
- E. Senior Cruise Subsidy Fund
 - 1. Full cost is \$35, subsidized tickets will be \$20
 - a) Asking for \$7000 total (to subsidize 350 tickets)
 - 2. **Motion:** To allow the Finance committee to allocate \$13,000 from the Senior Class Line Item to subsidize these tickets (**Motion tabled in favor of following motion**)
 - a) **Serengeti:** Simas – how is financial standing?
 - (1) **Simas:** \$35,080 in Senior Class Line Item; after this there would be \$22,080
 - (2) Total remaining funds for GSSC budget (haven't received final figures for Gala – which shouldn't impact discretionary reserves or senior events line items)
 - b) **Simas:** Theoretically, we could subsidize all of Senior Gala. Do we want to?
 - (1) **Rae:** It's a 4 school event with 12000 guest limit; all of CCSC will get free tickets; would be open to subsidizing 150

- (2) **Rae:** Have found that sometimes free tickets make people less likely to go because they'll get the ticket just in case they want to go
- (3) **Josh:** Is there a way to do full subsidies just for those who need it?
 - (a) **Simas:** Could do two tier system
- (4) **Faith:** What is capacity for this event?
 - (a) **Rae:** At Senior Gala, in 2019 42 GS Seniors went; this year we'll have different drops; determining subsidies for each school
 - (b) **Rae:** Wants to have \$35 for 150 tickets so students can sign up as soon as possible; will allow us to raise from historical 42 number
- (5) **Nick:** Likes two tier system; want to include GS more into four school events because historically we haven't been able to; Open to increasing subsidy in different tiers to address concerns of GSers and getting closer to matching the level of subsidy from other schools
- (6) **Rae:** Each Senior President has to deal with different subsidies so each school pays different prices but prices are hidden
 - (a) **Barnard and SEAS budget for this are low; if CC and GS go for free, don't want Barnard and SEAS students to feel excluded**
- (7) **Garrett:** \$21,000 is after allocating the above figures so fully subsidizing would only bring us down to around \$
- c) **Motion:** \$19,000 out of Senior Class Line Item for Senior Gala subsidized tickets, Senior brunch subsidized tickets, and Senior Cruise subsidized tickets pending four school Senior Class meeting this Thursday
 - (1) **Rae:** Can update after Senior Class four school meeting
 - (2) **Motion passes unanimously**

F. Statement about Upcoming Survey and Relevant Issues

1. **Nasser:** You all received our statement from Policy; we are proposing survey for next week regarding expansion and PDF
2. CCSC recently put out survey on this; we want to get GS voices for our Deans
3. Want to put out statement because there is a lot of conflicting info out to GSers; we want to put out accurate info to GS student body and allow convos to start before we put out the survey so people are correctly informed and provide productive feedback
 - a) **Example:** Questions of Financial Aid are not relevant to expansion discussion; want GSers to know that
4. Will also tell people about monetary incentives for filling out survey
5. **Motion:** To pass statement and have it sent out to student body
 - a) **Nasser:** Just to recap, will discuss changes; wants to introduce idea of expansion; state that it is in early stages; note that we want thoughtful GS feedback that is not about financial aid; tell about coming survey
 - b) **Kyle:** Statement will give brief synopsis of concerns brought before council previously

(1) Motion passes unanimously

G. Raffle Funding for Survey

1. Nasser: Want to attach monetary incentives to get responses to our survey
 - a) Propose a total of \$500 giveaway (2 \$100 giftcards, \$
 - b) **Motion to move \$300 from discretionary reserves into VP of Policy's budget and authorize Finance Committee to acquire \$500 of incentives for survey participants**
 - (1) **Nick:** In behavioral econ, feels like \$100 is a lot; second concern - if someone half heartedly fills out the survey, would they still be eligible
 - (a) **Nasser:** We'll make sure that the winner fills it out thoughtfully; this is a retooling of our survey that was meant to be put out previously
 - (2) **Nour:** Would it be better to guarantee everyone who fills out the survey a small amount to motivate more people to fill out the survey?
 - (a) **Serengeti:** Realistically, there is a certain threshold that means people won't fill it out because the amounts are too low; we also want people to fill it out quickly
 - (b) **Nasser:** People will want to fill out the survey because it is important; money is just further motivation to encourage quality responses

(3) Motion Passes (24-1)

H. Mario Kart Tournament

1. A Mario Kart tournament for everyone
2. A Thursday in April (date not specified yet)
3. Prizes:
 - a) 1st place: \$100 Amazon gift card
 - b) 2nd place: \$50 amazon gift card
 - c) 3rd place: \$25 amazon gift card
 - d) 3 \$16 watches to all three winners
4. **Motion:** Allocation of \$325 to Mario Kart tournament
5. Faith: What are the costs of holding the event
 - a) Evan: GSSC members are gathering own tech
6. Faith: What about tech folks?
 - a) Adding \$100 for tech
7. Nick: Can we split prize pool? What is expected attendance?
 - a) 64 (8 rounds) but no idea really how many people are expected to come
 - b) Goal is to do multiple rounds,
8. Nick: Is it just for GS students?
 - a) Yes.
 - b) Serengeti: How will you verify?
 - (1) Evan: Eventbrite. List will be sent to Sean for verification
 - c) **Motion passes unanimously**

I. Proposed By-Laws Amendments

1. Background:

- a) Nasser and Kyle updating the constitution bit by bit, this section was particularly messy.
 - b) These amendments are around verifying language and making things clear (this is the area that the general GS student body will be engaging with a lot so clarity is key)
 - c) Goal is accessibility; it can often be very confusing
- 2. **Motion:** Rename the "Elections Commission (EC)" to the "Elections Task Force (ETF)" throughout the entire document.
 - a) **Serengeti:** Doesn't support; before renaming to subcommittee we need to amend definition of subcommittee; current definition of "subcommittee" is loose and ECAC is very important so we don't want it to fall under those rules
 - (1) EX. Subcommittee chaired by relevant VP; ECAC is chaired by President
 - (2) **Nasser:** This is about renaming EC and not ECAC; can make further amendments to create separate rules for ECAC; can also just wait to hold off
 - b) **Simas:** ETF is already used (Exchanged-Traded Funds)
 - (1) **Nasser:** Goal is to make ETF the group and EC the commissioners; we can name it something different
 - (2) **Motion passes: 21 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstention**
- 3. Rename the "Elections Commission Appointment Committee (ECAC)" to the "Subcommittee on Elections (SE)" throughout the entire document.
 - a) **Motion retracted**
- 4. Replace "Chairperson" with "Chair" throughout the entire GSSC By-Laws
 - a) **Nasser:** Just to make it consistent throughout the doc
 - b) **Motion passes unanimously**
- 5. Eliminate Section 1, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 3 and replace it with the following: "If vacancies on the ECAC remain, the chair of the ECAC may appoint any graduating senior on GSSC to fill the remaining vacancies at his or her discretion."
 - a) Brian: Will SE be ECAC until we change ECAC?
 - b) Nasser: Yes
 - c) **Motion: Passes unanimously**
- 6. Eliminate Section 1, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsections a & b.
 - a) **Nasser:**
 - b) **Katie:** is this to make it more accessible so that people reading don't have to search for the rules?
 - (1) **Kyle:** Yes, but we'll put hyperlinks throughout to make everything easier to access
 - c) **Motion passes (24 in favor, 1 opposed)**
- 7. Add "(ECs)" to the end of Section 1, Subsection b, Section I, Subsection b.
 - a) **Motion passes unanimously**
- 8. In Section 1, Subsection b, Section iii, Subsection 1, replace "Week 2" with "Week 4" when describing the deadline for publicizing ETF positions to the GS student body.

- a) Nasser: Goal is to make it later so Council have more time because first two weeks are busy during shopping period
 - b) **Motion passes unanimously**
- 9. Add Section e to Section 1, Subsection b, Section iii, Subsection 3, which will state: "If there are remaining vacant EC positions, the Elections process shall continue, with the ECAC assisting the ETF Chair until two EC positions have been filled."
 - a) Nasser: Once Chairperson selected, want ECAC to help assist until two EC positions are filled; will codify how elections will continue even if Election Commissioners haven't been selected
 - b) By-Laws stipulate that the EC positions do need to be filled
 - c) **Simas:** How does this work with adjudication?
 - (1) Nasser: By election, ECs are supposed to be selected; if that doesn't happen, Chair will adjudicate on their own
 - (2) **Motion passes 24 in favor, one person did not vote**
- 10. Eliminate Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsections 1 & 2 ("Responsibilities for members of the Elections Commission" & "Ensure a fair and constitution election process") and add a new Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 1, stating the following: "Responsibilities for members of the ETF include, but are not limited to, ensuring a fair and constitution election process." Following Subsections will be renumbered appropriately.
 - a) Nasser: rephrase the responsibilities of the election task force, as well as renumber
 - b) **Motion passes unanimously**
- 11. Replace the phrase in Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 1, Section a, Subsection ii that states, "Article III:1:b:iv:4-8," with "Subsections 4-8 of Election Task Force Responsibilities."
 - a) Not a content change, just making it clear
 - b) **Motion passes unanimously**
- 12. Replace Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 1, Section b ("At-Large Communications position") with "One EC shall be in charge of each of the following," and reword/reformat the proposed Subsections 1 & 2 to clarify these roles.
 - a) Clarifying roles of each EC
 - b) **Motion passes unanimously**
- 13. Eliminate the phrase "one year" from Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 2 (previously Subsection 3).
 - a) Election Task Force will be graduating; don't want to suggest idea that ETF hold positions after graduation; term will end after elections conclude
 - b) **Emily:** This has been here in the past to reenforce idea that you cannot serve on GSSC after serving on EC for a full year; is the language preserved elsewhere?
 - (1) Nasser: It is preserved; if not, we can add to clarify; the idea isn't that they are still active on ETF for a year after, it's that they can't be on GSSC for a year after
 - c) **Serengeti:** This is also here for the report that comes out afterward (which can be in the summer or fall); in the past, been able to reach out to the ETF to investigate things in the report

- (1) Nasser: They can still be involved, just don't want to put a number on the role for an event that will end in May; could always add a responsibility to say "will continue to answer questions";

- d) Motion passes unanimously**

- 14. Eliminate the word "Rules" in Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 5 (previously Subsection 6).
 - a) Keep wording consistent
 - b) Motion passes unanimously**
- 15. In Section 1, Subsection b, Section v, Subsection 6, Section a, replace the phrase "in Section b.Membership, Subsection ii. Eligibility" with "above."
 - a) Motion passes unanimously**
- 16. Eliminate the phrase "making every effort to align the date with the other Columbia undergraduate councils" from Section 2, Subsection 1, Section b.
 - a) We shouldn't be required to do this
 - b) Motion passes unanimously**
- 17. In Section 3, Subsection e, Section I, Subsection 1, replace "resigns" and "resigned" with "withdraws" and "withdrew."
 - a) They cannot resign from a position they are running for, wording clarification
 - b) Motion passes unanimously**
- 18. Eliminate Section 3, Subsection e, Section i, Subsection 2, Section a that begins "The position of Student Body President ...".
 - a) It is clarified in a later section, may lead to confusion as it is made more clear later
 - b) Serengeti:** Where else is this?
 - (1) Nasser: right below, in section 4, "Presidential Election"
 - c) Motion passes unanimously**
- 19. Rewrite Section 4 to be listed with Subsections a-c, with additional subservient Sections, clarifying aspects of the Presidential Election.
 - a) Make it from a paragraph to a bullet pointed list; make it obvious what the qualifications are
 - b) Motion passes unanimously**
- 20. Rewrite the newly created Section 4, Subsection b, Section ii to clarify the credit requirements needed to be eligible to run for Student Body President.
 - a) Believe this is done under #19
 - b) Motion**
- 21. In the newly created Section 4, Subsection c, add the phrase "as outlined in Article III, Section 9" to the end of the sentence.
 - a) Believe this is done under #19
 - b) Motion**
- 22. Rewrite Section 5, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 2 to state: "Campaigning must end once voting has begun."
 - a) Clarifying that campaigning must only happen during campaign period, not voting
 - b) Serengeti:** If you're still campaigning during voting, you can interfere excessively with how people vote

- c) Motion passes (24 in favor, one did not vote)**
- 23. Eliminate Section 5, Subsection a, Section ix, which is entitled "Voting Period."
 - a)** The ethics around the period is confusing so all the info is in the appropriate section
 - b) Motion passes (24 in favor, one did not vote)**
- 24. Rewrite Section 5, Subsection b, Section 10 to clarify that GSSC as a body may not endorse any candidate.
 - a)** Specify that GSSC as the body (instead of individual members)
 - b) Serengeti:** Did not interpret standing language as saying GSSC as a body can't endorse a candidate; took it as no member of GSSC may use privilege as GSSC member to further candidacy; thinks this is fairly clear that it's not about council as a body but as individual members
 - c) Motion passes (24 in favor) one did not vote**
- 25. Create a Section 5, Subsection b, Section 11 that specifies what is and is not allowed for current GSSC members to do in regards to endorsements during the Elections period.
 - a)** Want to clarify what individuals can do as individuals instead of as GSSC body; should not be handicapped anymore than any other student
 - b)** Has happened in the past that GSSC members have had to resign due to sharing posts in support as individuals outside of capacity as GSSC member
 - c) Serengeti:** Part of allowing friendly elections is keeping current council members from endorsing candidates; however, understands frustration when knowing how good current candidates could be; could there be considerations for allowing only certain members of GSSC to endorse (say only seniors) to keep from having conflicts flaring up
 - d) Emily:** Has adjudicated this in the past; language as it stands is not civil (this was the hardest adjudication she sat on); makes current GSSC members feel as if their contributions to GSSC meant that their opinions were actually devalued
 - e) Evan:** Would want an alteration that specified eboard members wouldn't be able to endorse because eboard endorsements might have more weight
 - (1) Serengeti:** Disagree; heads of committees probably have best insight over how people work together; could argue that maybe President should be excluded but thinks VPs excluded is counterproductive
 - f) Nasser:** Language isn't just about endorsements; New language simply limits the range of what needs to be/can be adjudicated (giving more agency in deciding what constitutes an ethical breach) Agrees with Emily that current rule is causing more problems than it is solving
 - g) Cole:** In favor of amending the rules in this manner. It is not justifiable morally to exclude members of the student body because they served on GSSC. Even if we're regulating student body to keep elections friendly, we should perhaps believe in

our student body that they themselves wish to be friendly and will act accordingly. We shouldn't be writing into our constitution that we mistrust our students and student council members.

h) Serengeti: We have rules already for everything; it's not to say we assume people won't act in friendly manner, just to have safe guards

i) Motion passes unanimously

26. Rename Section 6 as "Election Voting."

a) Clarifying

b) Motion passes unanimously

27. Eliminate "notably the Owl" from Section 6, Subsection b.

a) Motion passes unanimously

28. Add Subsection d to Section 6 that makes prominent the situation that results in a Special Election for either the Student Body President or University Senator position.

a) To clarify what triggers a special election

b) Motion passes unanimously

29. Add Section I to Section 6, Subsection d that stipulates the situation where a Special Election is triggered in a general election with 3 or more candidates for either the role of Student Body President or University Senator.

a) Opinion is that if no one gets 100 votes because there were 3 or more candidates, only the top two should get into the special election automatically; elsewhere, stated that other candidates could challenge to get in

b) Motion passes unanimously

30. Rename Section 7 to "Adjudication Process."

a) Passed previously in another prior motion

31. Eliminate Section 8, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 1 and replace it with the following: "After receiving a warning if a candidate violates the same election rule, they will be disqualified by the ETF."

a) Previous language was vague about when the second violation had to occur and gave leeway

b) Evan: What if two different supporters violate the same rule?

(1) Nasser: Rules stipulate you are responsible for supporters but deciding if this affects you as a candidate is **up to ETF**

c) Motion passes unanimously

32. Eliminate Section 8, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 3 and renumber subsequent Subsections accordingly.

a) Eliminate the language on rules surrounding supporters; this should be adjudicated on a case-by-case basis, allowing ETF to adjudicate more fully

b) Motion passes unanimously

33. Eliminate Section 9, Subsections a-d and replace with Section 9, Subsections 1 & 2 that stipulate broadly what a Special Election is and the Intent to Run Forms process for a Special Election.

a) All these final amendments are to clarify the special elections section. We also wrote in sentences clarifying what happens if a

special election fails (if neither candidate receives 100 votes); you need to have another special election and what the logistics of that are. Clarifying language on the intent to run form. Eliminating what triggers a special election because that is stipulated elsewhere

b) Motion passes unanimously

- 34. Add Subsection 3 to Section 9 that stipulates how a Special Election is won.
- 35. Add Section a to Section 9, Subsection 3 that stipulates what occurs in a non-conclusive Special Election between two candidates.
- 36. Add Section b to Section 9, Subsection 3 that stipulates what occurs in a non-conclusive Special Election between 3 or more candidates.

a) Motion was combined in previous vote

- J. Rest of this process will not be this intense to vote for. Kyle is also working on a new format for the constitution and bylaws that will be aesthetically pleasing and readable and that will be presented towards end of process.

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

This time is reserved for any General Studies Student Council Members to make announcements on items not on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and (25) twenty five minutes total shall be observed. **NO** action will be taken and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the General Studies Student Council on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The General Studies Student Council may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, however, for further information, please contact the General Studies Student Council President at sat2198@columbia.edu for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

This closed session is reserved for any General Studies Student Council Members to discuss and possibly take action on voting in the nominees for various, posted, council vacancies. The public, and the nominees, will be asked to step out of the room while the council conducts this business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT